

Morris and Popham Families Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Morris and Popham Families Papers

Span Dates: 1669-1892

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1750-1850)

ID No.: MSS33647

Creator: Morris family

Creator: Popham family

Extent: 770 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Correspondence, notebooks, account books, and legal papers including the papers of Lewis Morris (1671-1746), Lewis Morris (1698-1762), Richard Morris (1730-1801), Robert Hunter Morris (1700-1764), and Major William Popham (1752-1847). Included is a record of the court martial of Colonel Moses Hazen in 1780.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Du Ponceau, Peter Stephen, 1760-1844--Correspondence.

Hazen, Moses, 1733-1803--Trials, litigation, etc.

Morris family.

Morris, Lewis, 1671-1746. Lewis Morris papers.

Morris, Lewis, 1698-1762. Lewis Morris papers.

Morris, Richard, 1730-1810. Richard Morris papers.

Morris, Robert Hunter, approximately 1700-1764. Robert Hunter Morris papers.

Popham family.

Popham, William S., 1793-1885--Correspondence.

Popham, William, 1752-1847. William Popham papers.

Taylor, John, 1753-1824--Correspondence.

Tilton, James, 1745-1822--Correspondence.

Washington, George, 1732-1799--Correspondence.

Organizations

New York State Society of the Cincinnati.

Subjects

Courts--New York (State)

Courts-martial and courts of inquiry.

Practice of law--Connecticut.

Practice of law--New Jersey.

Practice of law--New York (State)

Places

Bronx (New York, N.Y.)--History.

New Jersey--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775.

New Jersey--Politics and government.

Pennsylvania--Politics and government.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783.

Titles

Morris family papers
Popham family papers

Occupations

Governors--New Jersey.
Governors--Pennsylvania.
Judges.
Justices, State.

Provenance

The papers of the Morris-Popham families were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1952.

Processing History

The collection was organized and described ca. 1955. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Morris-Popham families is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Morris and Popham families are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Morris and Popham Families Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Morris-Popham families span the years 1669-1892, with the bulk from 1750 to 1850. Family members include Lewis Morris (1671-1746), owner of most of the land now known as the Bronx, chief justice of the province of New York, and governor of the province of New Jersey; Lewis Morris (1698-1762), judge of the Vice Admiralty Court of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey; Richard Morris (1730-1801), chief justice of New York State; Robert Hunter Morris (1700-1764), governor of Pennsylvania; major William Popham (1752-1847), president-general of the Society of the Cincinnati and Richard Morris' son-in-law; and William Popham's son, William S. Popham, a leading member of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati.

The collection consists of correspondence, notebooks, account books, and legal papers. Included are the papers of Lewis Morris (1671-1746), Lewis Morris (1698-1762), Richard Morris, Robert Hunter Morris, and Major William Popham. Also included is a record of the court martial of Colonel Moses Hazen in 1780. Among the correspondents are Peter Stephen Du Ponceau John Taylor of Caroline, and James Tilton (1745-1822). Most of the letters after 1849 are addressed to William S. Popham.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Copies of George Washington letters to Robert Hunter Morris, 1755
BOX 1	General correspondence
BOX 1	1669-1800 (6 folders)
BOX 2	1800-1834 (6 folders)
BOX 3	1835-1892 (7 folders)
BOX 4	Undated
BOX 4	Proceedings of Colonel Moses Hazen, 1780
BOX 4	Notebooks and journals, 1752, 1774, 1824, undated
BOX 4	Printed matter, 1772-1776, 1788, 1831, 1836, 1865, undated